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TASK FORCE LED BY V CORPS' 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE DANGER, TIKRIT, Iraq -- Task Force Danger, led by V Corps' 1st Infantry Division, is offering task force troops an opportunity to honor their fallen comrades by helping to erect a memorial staute to their comrades who have given their lives during the second iteration of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Remembrance of Victory Foundation has been established to raise funds for the project. The staute will be made from bronze reclaimed by melting down statues that once belonged to Saddam Hussein, that stand at the horse gate of Forward Operating Base Danger. The memorial will be constructed in Iraq and dedicated in a ceremony at Victory Park at the division's home station on Leighton Barracks in Wuerzburg, Germany upon the Task Force's redeployment.

Cpl. Jared Luera, administration NCO for the division's office of the Secretary of the General Staff, volunteered to take charge of accepting donations for the project.

Luera travels to the various forward operating bases in the task force's area of operations here to inform Soldiers about the foundation and the memorial.

"It's important for the Soldiers to realize that this is something we can all be a part of," Luera said.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the foundation can contact Luera by calling DSN (318) 846-1035 or e-mailing jared.luera@us.army.mil.

Donations (in the form of checks) can also be sent to:

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